

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 14, 2015

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.

Dates to Remember:

August 17, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese:

- The Clewiston Christian School has been working hard to remodel part of their facility to accommodate two (2) extra classrooms for the upcoming school year.
- There are currently two (2) new single family homes under construction. One is located at 403 West Avenida del Rio and the other is at 726 Harvest Lane in the Orchard Park Subdivision.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The suspect from the carjacking report a couple weeks back, was arrested Monday. He is charged with armed carjacking, armed robbery, false imprisonment, and kidnapping.
- Patrol responded to a rollover crash at the intersection of Highway 27 and Berner Road last Thursday. Several occupants were transported to the hospital, but none of the injuries were life threatening.
- The investigation into the burglary of a home on Del Monte resulting in the theft of multiple firearms is progressing. Many of the weapons have been recovered and charges against several suspects are pending.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
1332 Commercial / Residential Security Checks

602	Complaints Investigated
20	Arrests
15	Traffic Citations Issued
9	Rental Inspections
9	Code / City Ordinance Violations
72	Merchant Escorts
28	Alarms Responded To
6	Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Street Maintenance: (1) The “Pot Hole Patrol” was out this week and if the rains hold off we will dry out enough to make two cycles. The first will be to patch holes in the travel surface and the second will be to fix radius and shoulders.
- US27 Rebuild: Having started on June 15, 2015, work is now forty-five days into the project . Traffic control devices, pedestrian crossing, guard rail replacement and a foot bridge are now at the top of the list.
- Boat basin Project: Watch for work to begin on August 17th and be completed around the 20th. As work progress, half of the parking and boat ramps will be closed. A sign is being planned to inform the public of the duration of this project.
- West Pasadena Project: A bid opening was held in City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13th.
- Civic Park Rebuild: The column foundations were poured last week along with the first of four columns. The Water/Sewer crew installed a water line to the monument area which will aid in cleaning and maintaining good plant health.
- Veterans Memorial Fund raiser: Members of the local Elks Club and City staff are selling tickets for a rack of their “Famous Ribs”. All proceeds will go toward the park rebuild. Please get involved. Everyone either knows someone who has served or is serving. Let’s Honor them in a way that will last forever.
- CDD Canal maintenance: The District will be cleaning out three canals in Clewiston. Canal #3 (behind football field & Circle Drive), Canal #6 (San Diego) and the Lopez Canal.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Water/Sewer crew replaced a line at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They also replaced old lines and changed out water meters on East El Paso. A pole is being installed at the intersection of North Francisco and East Avenida Del Rio to support the 6 inch water line crossing the canal.
- The Electric crew repaired lights and timer at the west tennis courts and made repairs at the Clewiston Substation. Trees were trimmed on Ponce de Leon, Pasadena and El Paso. Old poles are being removed through out our service area and locates are being done with the traffic light crews on US Highway 27.
- Effective October 1, 2015 Clewiston Utilities will no longer mail the yellow reminder/late notice.

- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE** on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.